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Call to Annual Convention of U.F.A. and Program for the Four Days' Sessions

Lectures by Professor Fay of Toronto University, Well-Known Authority on Co-operation, Will Be Features of Convention

To Officers and Members:

Please take notice of the following particulars to the coming Convention:

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, and the United Farm Women of Alberta, will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 1928, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp on the morning of the first day. The Convention will be held in the Central Methodist Church, Calgary.

REPRESENTATION FROM LOCALS

The representation at this Convention will be one delegate for every 20 members or major portion thereof. Each Local, however, will be entitled to at least one delegate. In order to be entitled to two delegates a Local must have at least 31 members in good standing, 51 for three delegates, and so on. Each delegate must be a member of the Local appointing him. Representation can only be secured on the basis of the paid up membership at the Central Office.

All delegates must secure from their local secretary the official delegate's certificate issued by the Central Office. Sufficient credential cards for the delegates that your Local is entitled to, according to the Central Office records at this date, are being sent you herewith. Additional cards will be mailed on request to Locals re-sitting dues to entitle them to more delegates.

HOW TO SECURE REDUCED RAILWAY RATES

Concession rates will be in effect on the railways, the saving offered being approximately 16 per cent. of the return fare. In order to secure these reduced rates it will be necessary to carefully follow these directions:

All delegates travelling to the Convention should secure a one-way single fare, first class railway ticket. In the event of having to travel over two lines of railway to reach

CONVENTION PROGRAM

The program of the forthcoming Annual Convention, which has just been completed, is printed below. The Convention Call, which is already in the hands of all the Locals, is also printed on this page. The program, which is subject to change, follows:

TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 16th
9:00 a.m.—Official opening of the Convention; "O Canada", sung by the Convention, invocation. Opening address—His Honor Lieut.-Governor William Egbert. Greetings—Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Premier of Alberta. Address of welcome—His Worship, Mayor Webster. Election of Chairman of the Convention. Appointment of the Committee—Credentials, Resolutions, Order of Business. Annual address of the President. Annual address of the President U. F. W. A. Report of Board of Directors of the U. F. A. Financial statement. Annual report Junior President.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
Ten minutes' organ recital. Report Canadian Council of Agriculture. Constitutional Amendments. Resolutions.

TUESDAY EVENING
8 p.m.—Five minutes' address by Rev. H. W. Arden. Lecture—Prof. Fay, Toronto University. Resolutions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 17th
"Organizer", sung by the Convention. 9:30 a.m.—Resolutions. 11:00 noon—Nominations for President 1928.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
Ten minutes' organ recital. 2 p.m.—Ballot for the President 1928. Nominations for Vice-President. Ballot to follow immediately. Co-operative Marketing. (Reports and resolutions.)

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Five minutes' address by Rev. H. W. Arden. 8 p.m.—Lecture, Prof. Fay. Address by Fraternal Delegates. Resolutions.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18th
"O Canada", sung by the Convention. 9:00 a.m.—Resolutions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON
Ten minutes' organ recital. 2 p.m.—Nominations for Executive Committee will address the Convention. Ballot will follow immediately. Newspaper resolutions. 5:30 p.m.—Election of Directors.

THURSDAY EVENING
Five minutes' address by Rev. H. W. Arden. Lecture by Prof. Fay. Resolutions.

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 19th
"Organizer", sung by the Convention. 9:30 a.m.—Resolutions.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON
Ten minutes' organ recital. 2 p.m.—Resolutions.

FRIDAY EVENING
8 p.m.—Lecture by Prof. Fay. Unfinished and new business.

"GOD SAVE THE KING"

the place of Convention, purchase a one-way first class ticket for each part of the journey. With every ticket purchased by a delegate or visitor a standard certificate must be secured from the ticket agent. If the agent has no standard certificates, secure a receipt in its place. These standard certificates must be turned in to the registration staff at Calgary upon arrival in order to secure the benefit of the reduced Convention rates. After the standard certificates have been endorsed by the Provincial secretary they entitle the holder to a return rate of one-half of the one-way fare, plus a charge of 25 cents made by the Canadian Passenger Association for validation of the standard certificate.

The tickets cannot be purchased under the reduced rates, and the standard certificates secured prior to Friday, January 16th. All standard certificates issued on January 16th or any other time after that date up to January 21st will be valid and accepted by the railway company when properly signed and endorsed. The tickets will be good for return journey up to the night of Tuesday, January 22nd.

VISITORS TO THE CONVENTION

Visitors are also entitled to the Convention rates, but they DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE POOL. They should secure a one-way ticket and standard certificate the same as the delegates, and turn in to the registration staff for endorsement by the Convention secretary. They will not, of course,

have voting privileges, but can attend all sessions of either the men's or women's Convention so far as accommodation permits. The U. F. W. A. will hold separate meetings at the same time as the men's Convention, and in the same building.

Attention of the Locals is directed to the announcement to
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To Farmers Feeding Cattle

You are feeding cattle because you plan to make a profit. You cannot secure all the profit you are entitled to unless you sell them right. Plan now to sell them right.

Many farmers have put cattle on feed this winter. It looks like good business, judging from past experience, from the price of coarse grains, from the improved markets for cattle this year, and the outlook with respect to demand.

But it is good business to feed cattle only if you sell them properly when they are finished. How will yours be sold? Will you let a local buyer take the pick of your herd for his own profit after your big investment of money, labor and feed? Or will you ship them and get the full benefit from your efforts by making sure of the full central market price?

The Best Time to Sell Winter-Fed Cattle

Four years out of five the high point of the spring market on winter-fed steers comes in the third week in May. That is not necessarily the best time for everyone to sell. Many other things, such as the supply of feed available, the condition of the cattle, and the course of earlier markets have to be considered. Sometimes it pays to sell a number of steers during the winter and to hold the balance on longer feed.

United Livestock Growers will be glad to help by giving all information available as to the course of markets. Write and say what cattle you are feeding and when you expect they will be ready for market, and we will keep you supplied with information.

How About Your Shipping Association?

Sometimes co-operative shipments are broken up in the spring by country buyers securing a certain number of cattle just at the time when it is most important to farmers to be able to ship co-operatively. Many associations could be strengthened by a little organization work during the winter, so as to make quite sure that they will be working well when the winter-fed cattle are ready to sell. It will pay in many associations to do some of that work.

United Livestock Growers will be glad to assist by sending a speaker to a meeting if desired. MORE MONEY FOR CATTLE is obtained through co-operative shipping, to get central market prices instead of accepting what the country buyer offers.

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EDITORIAL

POLITICIANS AND THE BASIC INDUSTRY

In calling the recent general election at the height of the threshing season, the King Government showed a cynical disregard for the great masses of the voters of Canada who are engaged in the industry of agriculture.

It was undoubtedly anticipated, when the election was called, that the Liberal party would profit by its choice of the farmers' busiest season as the time of its appeal to the electorate. The resolution of the East Edmonton U. F. A. Federal Political Association, demanding that no future election be called in seed time, harvest or threshing seasons, will therefore arouse more than ordinary interest at the forthcoming Annual Convention of the U. F. A.

The resolution, which is headed "Amendment to Election Act", is in the following terms:

"Whereas, Western Canada's largest vote is comprised of farmers, farmers' wives, and farm help, the convenience of these people should be studied, and,

"Whereas, having to exercise their franchise during seeding, harvesting or threshing time entails hardship and loss in various ways, which could be avoided if elections were called in other seasons;

"Therefore be it resolved, that no election should be called during seeding, harvesting or threshing time.

Governments are frequently urged by the press and by Boards of Trade and similar bodies, to consider the interests of "business" when deciding upon the date of elections. To such representations, party governments are always highly sensitive. The interest of the primary industry of Canada has hitherto been considered as totally unworthy of consideration.

Any Government which in future deliberately arranges to plunge the country into an election campaign during the farmers' busiest seasons, must stand self-condemned before every agricultural community.

COMPULSORY VOTING

Another proposal to increase the number of ballots cast in elections, is that voting should be made compulsory. At first blush the idea of compulsory voting appears to have its attractions. It is not, however, likely to be adopted without the most careful and thoughtful discussion.

In modern times, the practice appears to have been first introduced by the Italian Fascists, who first made all their enemies go to the polls, and then made them vote Fascist under the threat of violence. Recently the Australian Government adopted a plan to make voting compulsory. While the result was satisfactory from the standpoint of the Government in power, which, it is charged, had launched a campaign of panic mongering similar to the campaign which carried the present British Government into office about a

year ago, many thoughtful Australians doubt the value of the innovation.

It may be questioned whether compulsory voting is in accordance with the spirit of free institutions. Its effect, at least in some instances, might be to swamp the vote of citizens who take a sufficiently keen interest in public affairs to be anxious to poll their votes, with the votes of the ill-informed, the indifferent, the poor citizens. To the extent that this may occur, the cause of good government must suffer loss, for the unthinking and the indifferent are at all times more susceptible to appeals to prejudice, greed and passion, than those who keep themselves informed upon public questions.

Disfranchisement, or even the imposition of a fine on those who fail to vote, is, however, a very drastic procedure. Even the most indifferent of citizens, who fails to record his vote in one election, may frequently be aroused to a sense of his rights and responsibilities through the educational efforts of his neighbors, and vote in the next. The imposition of legal penalties is perhaps not the best means of furthering such an educational process.

There is another aspect of this question. A voter who has freed his mind from the trammels of partyism, may find himself in a constituency in which he considers the policies of both parties whose candidates are appealing to the electorate, equally hopeless. Should he be compelled to choose between candidates or parties all of whom he considers to be undesirable?

PROFESSOR FAY'S ADDRESSES

Professor C. R. Fay, of the University of Toronto, who will speak every evening at the forthcoming Annual Convention, is one of the leading authorities on this continent on economics of co-operation in all its forms. His addresses will form an attractive and intensely practical feature of the Convention. While we cannot as yet give the titles of his addresses, it is anticipated that the co-operative marketing movement, consumer co-operation, and the world's wheat situation, will be dealt with.

A few years ago Professor Fay paid a visit to Western Canada. He spent the greater part of his time visiting the farms of the prairies, picking up first-hand information. Few men of academic attainment are less academic in manner. His style of speaking is simple and conversational, and while he is deeply imbued with the co-operative philosophy, he has the habit of getting down to brass tacks, to the ordinary practical questions which occupy ninety per cent. of the time of the average farmer. He is the author of a standard work on "Co-operation at Home and Abroad."

We do not doubt that Professor Fay's lectures in Calgary will give a very valued stimulus to the already thriving co-operative marketing movement in Alberta, as well as to the development of other forms of co-operation.

BEST GOVERNMENT IN ALBERTA'S HISTORY

"It will take more than the bullying of Mitchell, Fisher, Kelly, et al, and more than the clever quips of the new Conservative Moses to erase the fact that Alberta has today the best Government in its history and possibly the most efficient Government in any Province of the Dominion," states the Alberta Labor News. "When the record of the present administration of this Province is made clear to the people, as it should be made clear, the party dogs about the decline of the U. F. A. will make humorous reading."

"The U. F. A. Convention will be held next month (January). The party newspapers are talking about how 'critical' a convention it will be. It will be—for the party newspapers and party organizers. But for the U. F. A. the

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Albertan Seeks to Plant Imported Danger Signals, to Scare People Away From Discovery of the Truth

A Triumph of Journalistic Dodging—What Was the Plan of the Editor of the Albertan When He Sought Election in Opposition to Both Old Parties?—Paper Which Has Returned to Undiluted Partyism Should Explain Its Former Attitude

By WILLIAM IRVINE

The U.F.A. political principles have been receiving a good deal of publicity lately. President H. W. Wood has done a great service to Canadian citizenship in setting forth, so he has done so lucidly, the underlying principles of the U.F.A. movement, and making an appeal to urban citizens to take intelligent organized political action, and to co-operate with the Farmers' movement. That co-operation, which he advocates, will appear to all as essential to industrial unity and political efficiency and justice.

PRESS COMMENT DIVIDES INTO TWO SECTIONS

The daily press, according to their comments on the utterances of President Wood, divide into two sections: those who frankly admit that they do not understand what Mr. Wood is talking about when he speaks of economic groups and co-operation; and those who, perceiving the strength of the position taken by the U.F.A., knowing that partyism could not live if the people applied the same intelligence to politics that they do to other matters (as Mr. Wood advocates that they should do), and being unable to answer the arguments of the U.F.A. leader, resort to tricks, misrepresentation and to the calling of names.

RECALLING THE ANCIENT FABLE

The Calgary Albertan belongs to the second division. It evidences great displeasure in its editorial columns—a displeasure arising out of the defenceless position in which it has placed itself, and reminds one of the fox which lost its tail, and forthwith appealed to all other foxes to cut their tails off also. But even though an editor should lose his tail, there is no reason why he should lose his head also.

"We have responsible government," screams the Albertan. That is to say, the people are responsible for the blundering stupidity of politicians. When politicians are extravagant, the people are responsible for paying the bills; when politicians plunge the people into war, the people are responsible for the fighting and the dying; when politicians plunder the public treasury, the people—"God Bless Them"—must be responsible for picking up the deficit—that is the kind of responsibility the people enjoy under the party system.

If the Albertan really wanted democratic responsibility, it would endorse the U.F.A., in which real responsibility is the kernel of the movement. Under the U.F.A. the people undertake the responsibility of citizenship in all its phases, and prepare themselves for it. And when this principle is applied to elections, for instance, it means that the people within the U.F.A. movement not only accept responsibility for the

In the following article, Mr. Irvine shows that the Albertan, in its attempt to arouse prejudice among the city public against the U. F. A. plan of democratic action, has conjured up two mutually incompatible "logies", one that the Alberta farmers are following the United States model, the other that they are following the Russian model. Mr. Irvine suggests that the Albertan abandon its present policy of beguery mongering, and enter, at least for the moment, the field of constructive suggestion.

things an elected member may do after election, but that they also exercise the responsibility of selecting the person who is to become the representative. No wonder the Albertan objects to this. An individual who jumped into an election self-announced and self-appointed, to gain personal ambitions, would find short shrift in a U.F.A. community.

AGILITY IN JOURNALISTIC DODGING

After the Albertan got the above-mentioned scream out of its system, it put on its skates and started to cut fantastic capers around President Wood's argument. Its agility was a surprising triumph of journalistic dodging. It never once made contact with the points at issue. Its purpose was not to attempt that, but rather to plant imported danger signals at every entrance so as to scare the public away from the truth which might be found on entering.

"It is the 'soviet' system; it is the 'United States' system," says the Albertan in one breath. Is there no difference between the American system and the soviet system in the mind of the Calgary Albertan? Or does that reputable journal assume that its readers will swallow such an absurdity? Are we to conclude that the American system of government has been soviet all along, or did Russia adopt the American system at the time of the Revolution?

MAKING SURE OF THE "KNOCK-OUT"

But the editor of the Albertan was too angry when he wrote the editorial on "Mr. Wood's Political Plan" which appeared in the issue of his paper on December 16th, to think of the reason or logic of the prolonged effusion. Regardless of the virtue of the plan, it must be rejected, it must be rejected on patriotic grounds. Therefore it was dubbed "American." That was supposed to be a final and sufficient reason for its rejection. But in case that some should overlook the alleged Americanism, surely it would be a complete knock-out to liken it to the soviet system.

The Albertan had nothing to say about Mr. Wood's plan itself. That plan might be a great improvement; it might bring order out of the present chaos—that does not count. We are to

forget what it really is or what it might really accomplish. Just tag it with some fear-inspiring or unpopular name, and say no more about it.

I have neither praise nor blame for the American and the Russian forms of government, although I would be surprised if our party system is an improvement. I merely say that Mr. Wood's plan has nothing to do with either. Most assuredly it cannot belong to both countries. The fact is that if we have to ascribe any nationality to an intelligent proposal, we should have to call Mr. Wood's plan Canadian.

The U.F.A. plan recognizes economic interest as a basic factor in political method and policy. Economics cannot be ousted from politics by any argument or party whatsoever. The question is, shall there be an intelligent or an unintelligent recognition of the principle?

THE STUPID OR THE INTELLIGENT WAY?

There are two ways of carrying on government. The first is for an economic interest to stay in the background and build a party machine to serve its purpose. Sentiment, dash and nonsense are all used to connect the parts of the machine. When it is built and ready for action, it is called some attractive name to represent itself as belonging to the people, and it goes into action to execute the will of the economic interest or interests that conceived it. This is the unintelligent way. This is the way our parties are built and controlled now.

The other way is to recognize frankly the inseparable connection between all economic interests and intelligent political policy, and for people on the basis of their economic interest to organize and educate themselves so as to perform their duties. With this will come recognition of the inherent unity of the industrial system, which will inevitably lead to a co-operation of all the parts for the benefit of each and the whole. What has the Albertan to say against this?

WHAT WAS THE ALBERTAN'S PLAN?

It might be of interest to the general public if the Albertan would enlighten its readers on its plan. For surely the Albertan must have had a plan of government differing both from the old parties and the U.F.A. when its editor was elected to the Legislature in opposition to both parties! What plan did he at that time intend to introduce?

Of course, he has abandoned that plan now, but it still would be interesting to know just what it was. At any rate, if the Albertan would attempt an explanation of its own erstwhile plan, it would perhaps, for the moment at least, enter the field of constructive suggestion.

No Election Should Be Held in Seed Time or Harvest Season

Edmonton Convention Voices Strong Protest Against Party Policy Designed to Make Voting Difficult for Farmers

The East Edmonton U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Federal Constituency Association held their annual convention at Edmonton, Wednesday, December 16th. There was a good attendance considering the curtailed area of the rural part of the constituency. The usual routine business was taken up and passed.

Against Elections in Seed Time and Harvest

A resolution was passed petitioning the Provincial Government that the town of Beverley be taken out of the Sturgeon riding and added to Edmonton City. Another resolution, which is to go before the U. F. A. Annual Convention, was: That no election should be called during seeding, harvesting and threshing, as in Western Canada, farmers, farmers' wives and hired help constitute the largest number of voters, and election at that time (if they exercise their franchise) is liable to cause hardship and loss in various ways.

Considerable sympathy was given to Mr. Kellner in the difficult fight he has had in the Athabasca constituency, and it was considered every effort should be made to investigate the apparent irregularities committed during the campaign and promise of any help we can give in the matter.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected: President, Charles Russell, Poplar Lake U. F. A.; first vice-president, Mrs. Mabel Dean, Horseshills U. F. W. A.; second vice-president, Glen Storie, Notre Dame U. F. A.; Directors, R. Bailey, Naman U. F. A.; F. C. Clare, Belmont U. F. A.; E. W. Corbett, Horseshills U. F. A.; J. B. McEwen, Gibbons U. F. A.; C. Potter, Sunnyside U. F. A.; Mrs. E. Runnalls, Poplar Lake U. F. W. A.; Rice Sheppard, Strathcona U. F. A.; Mrs. C. R. Spier, Notre Dame U. F. W. A.; Mrs. J. Stott, Belmont U. F. W. A.

FRANCIS C. CLARE,

Secretary.

Express Confidence in Alberta Govt. at Stettler Convention

Government Urged to Take Groups Into Consideration in Redistribution Bill

The Oddfellows' Hall, Stettler, was filled to capacity for the afternoon and evening sessions of the annual convention of Stettler Provincial Constituency Association, held December 11th. The president, J. E. Brown, was in the chair.

R. A. Van Slyke spoke to the convention on the Dairy Pool and explained fully the agreement which had been made with the creameries.

A report was given by A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., dealing with Provincial railways and telephones, Lethbridge Northern Irrigation project, administration of the Liquor Act, mortgage legislation, Mr.

Sanders pointed out that the present Government had reduced the number of civil servants by several hundred, without affecting the efficiency of the various departments.

H. E. G. H. Scholesfield, vice-president of the U. F. A., gave an address on organization matters, emphasizing the value of the association. There was no doubt, he said, that if the farmers fully realized what the organization was doing for them, not a farm man or woman would stay outside it.

The educational problems of the Province were dealt with by Hon. Porren Baker in an address during the evening session. A long discussion on the new proposed educational tax followed, all

the speakers agreeing on the need for some action, though there was some opposition to any additional taxation.

Resolutions were carried expressing confidence in the Provincial Government, asking for an improved system of wheat grading; and urging that the Provincial Government, in drafting the new redistribution bill, take into consideration the economic groups.

J. E. Brown, Caster, was re-elected president; Mrs. R. Price, Stettler, was elected vice-president; while the directors chosen are: R. Lepard, Caster; E. Pfeiffer, Red Willow; F. W. Chack, Stettler; R. A. Hanson, Big Valley; E. Armstrong, Becha; S. L. Stauffer, Eye Moor.

Livestock Pool Contracts Will Operate January 11th at Points Where Locals Efficiently Organized

Board of United Livestock Growers, Ltd., Announces Plans—Holding Feed Lot at Edmonton—Policy and Management Under Control of Reorganized Board

By A. B. CLAYPOOL.

Contracts of the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd., will be brought into operation on January 11th next, at all points where Locals have been sufficiently organized to ship efficiently and economically on the co-operative plan.

The necessary arrangements to bring the Pool into operation were made at a meeting of the Board of the U. L. G. Ltd., the central selling agency for the Pool, held in Edmonton on Saturday, December 19th.

Other districts will be called in as fast as local shipping associations can be organized. Individual shippers at points where an efficient local organization has not as yet been established will not be required to ship under contract for the time being.

Agency for Three Provinces

At the present time the Board of the U. L. G. Ltd., consists of six members, three of whom represent the Alberta Co-operative Livestock Producers, Ltd. The U. L. G. will be the selling agency for the co-operative shippers of the three Prairie Provinces, but in view of the fact that Alberta is at present the only Province organized on a contract basis, the U. L. G. are naming the other three members of the Board to protect the interests of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and to serve the shippers of those Provinces in trust until such time as the Saskatchewan and Manitoba Pools are prepared to assume full responsibility. When that time comes, the Board of the U. L. G. Ltd. will consist of nine members, three representing the Alberta Pool, three the Saskatchewan Pool, and three the Manitoba Pool.

The policy and management of the U. L. G. Ltd. is now absolutely in the control of the reorganized Board, of which the members are A. B. Claypool, M. A. McMillan and H. N. Stearns representing the Alberta Pool, and C. Rice-Jones, F. J. Collier and J. F. Reid, representing the U. L. G. Ltd.

Mr. McMillan has been placed in charge of organization for the Province, and Mr. Claypool in charge of the office and correspondence, while Mr. Claypool will also assist in the work of organization

in the territory south of Lacombe.

On Basis of One Hundred per Cent.

All livestock will be handled by the U. L. G. Ltd., on the basis of the payment of one hundred per cent. of the market price on the day when stock is delivered at the yards, the actual sale being the valuation price, except in cases when it is found advisable to move stock to another market, when it will be appraised at the going price that day for that class of stock.

The U. L. G. are establishing a holding feed lot at Edmonton, to absorb temporary glut on the market, and to move any particular class of stock to any other market paying a better price for that class of stock at that time. The Edmonton yard is the only point at which a feed lot is being established at present, but if its operation works out as anticipated, feed lots will be provided also at other points at a later date.

Okotoks Asks Lower Stockyard Charges

Okotoks Local, according to a report received from W. E. Barker, secretary, brought in for their members six carloads of coal and one of fence posts during the past year. The financial statement presented at the annual meeting showed a small balance on the right side.

D. S. McIntyre gave a report on co-operative livestock shipping, showing that 1,643 hogs and 223 head of cattle had been shipped up to December 1st. He recommended that an effort should be made to improve the quality of the stock shipped; that shippers should endeavor to bring in their stock on the day arranged, as savings could be effected by always having full carloads to ship; and that the charges in the local yards should be based on the weight of the stock and not on the number of head. A resolution was passed thanking Mr. McIntyre for his services and reappointing him as shipping agent. Another resolution asked that stockyard charges should be ten cents per hundred pounds.

Discrimination in Grading Against Wheat Pool Farmer Will Not be Tolerated, Says McHugh

Secretary of Calgary Grain Exchange Assures Wheat Pool Board of Desire to Co-operate in Dealing With Any Charges of Discrimination—Pool Acreage Now 3,456,597, and Membership 35,903—Pool Provides Free Service in Testing Samples for Moisture

Declaring that the practice of discrimination in any form against members of the Alberta Wheat Pool will not be tolerated by the grain trade in this Province, a letter received by the Board of the Pool from D. O. McHugh, secretary of the Calgary Grain Exchange, invites the Board to place before the manager of any firm against which complaint may be made, all necessary information. Mr. McHugh's letter followed an informal conference between representatives of various elevator companies and George Melvor, Western Sales Manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers, Ltd.

The letter follows:

Calgary, Alberta,
December 31, 1925.

The Board of Directors,
Alberta Co-operative Wheat Producers,
Gentlemen:

Representatives of the various elevator companies operating in Alberta met today in an informal meeting with your representative, Mr. George Melvor.

Mr. Melvor placed before this meeting the statement that after visiting Wetaskiwin and meeting with a number of Pool representatives there from nearby points, that in the opinion of a great number of farmers throughout Alberta, there was discrimination being shown in the grading of Pool and non-Pool grain; this of course, being to the detriment of the Pool farmer.

Having due regard to the pleasant relationships that have always existed between the Wheat Pool and the elevator companies, we wish to take whatever action is necessary to correct this situation.

The trade intends to send out immediately, a circular pointing out this circumstance to their agents, and advising them that they will not tolerate one single instance where discrimination appears to have been shown in favor of the non-Pool farmer.

We wish further, to invite your Board to place immediately before the manager of the firm against which the charge is made, any circumstances of this nature that may come to your notice, supported if possible, by an affidavit covering the incident.

Assuring your Board of the trade's desire to co-operate with you in every possible way and wishing you the compliments of the season,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

D. O. McHUGH,
Secretary, Calgary Grain Exchange.

A SOUTHERN OPINION

Oklahoma Farmer-Stockman (Oklahoma City): "I was struck with the quiet confidence of the officers of the Canadian Pools. They made no boasts of past performances, but tell, with due modesty, about things they are trying

to do. They keep in the forefront that the organization exists for the one purpose of getting a better price for wheat—for the farmer!"—Clarence Roberts, editor.

LOCAL WILL HANDLE MEMBERS' GRIEVANCES

In a recent letter Leonard Browne, secretary of Success Wheat Pool Local, advises that the meeting held there recently at which Messrs. R. A. Macpherson and Ben S. Plummer spoke, was well attended and the information given by the speakers was much appreciated. He advises that the Local is prepared to handle whatever comes up in that district with regard to members' grievances, etc.

Saskatchewan Court Decision Does Not Affect Alberta

Secretary German in Letter Discusses Matters of Interest to All Members of the Wheat Pool

To Members of the Alberta Wheat Pool:
Please note carefully the following and pass the information on to as many Pool members as you can.

COMMISSION ON CONTRACTS

The Board of Directors at their last meeting authorized this office to continue until further notice to allow a commission of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per contract on all bona fide contracts sent. Accordingly, the date of December 31st, as mentioned in your circular of September 30th, is hereby rescinded (see revised pink circular enclosed).

MEMBERSHIP AND ACREAGE

On December 15th, 1925, the membership and acreage by districts stood as follows:

District	Members	Acreage
Lethbridge (Dist. "A")	2,694	461,540
Clareholm (Dist. "B")	2,793	468,174
So. Calgary (Dist. "C")	3,603	468,799
No. Calgary (Dist. "D")	4,052	517,948
Red Deer (Dist. "E")	6,270	566,285
Camrose (Dist. "F")	5,034	520,296
Edmonton (Dist. "G")	10,467	516,574

Total as at Dec. 15, '25... 35,903 3,456,597
Total as at Dec. 31, '24... 30,711 2,952,350

Increase in 11½ months, 5,192 503,247

These figures indicate a steady and healthy growth in membership throughout the whole Province.

WILL TEST SAMPLES FOR MOISTURE FREE

A moisture tester is now installed at

this office and is in charge of a competent operator. Members are privileged to send in a sample of any wheat which they wish to have graded and tested for moisture. All samples to be tested must be sent in an air-tight container so that no moisture can evaporate in transit. Put your name and address plainly on your sample and ask for "Grade" or "Test", or both, as you wish. This service is free.

SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL VS. L. R. ZOUROWSKI

The decision recently handed down in the case of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool against L. R. Zourowski of Southie, Saskatchewan, for breach of contract, does not in any way affect the situation in Alberta. The decision which was given is by one judge in an individual case and having peculiar aspects of its own and the judgment cannot be taken to apply to other contract signers even in the Province of Saskatchewan.

There is no doubt that the result of the judgment given in this case will be used by the interests opposed to the Pool to cause as much inconvenience to the Pool and its functioning as possible.

The Saskatchewan Pool Directors will take this case to appeal. Pending the result of this appeal the growers in Alberta, after a two years' trial of the pooling method, will not take this case seriously. Any large corporation is bound to face litigation from time to time and as these different matters arise they must be dealt with.

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST POOL MEMBERS

We are daily in receipt of letters from members complaining that they feel they have been unfairly treated by elevator agents in comparison with the treatment given by the same agent to non-Pool growers.

In this issue you will find a copy of a letter from D. O. McHugh, secretary of the Calgary Grain Exchange, which we know will be of interest to you. Members are invited to take full advantage of the opportunity afforded them in Mr. McHugh's letter.

With season's greetings,

Sincerely yours,

ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE WHEAT PRODUCERS, LIMITED,
R. O. German, Secretary.

INFORMATION FOR AUSTRALIANS

Expressing thanks to Secretary German of the Alberta Wheat Pool for information supplied, C. Bartlett, assistant to the Canadian Trade Commissioner at Melbourne, Australia, states in a recent letter:

"The information which you have been good enough to furnish is of much interest and value to this office and your kindness in making it available is very much appreciated."

Reorganization of the Pool Districts, Irricana Proposal

Suggested That Shipping Points Be Basis of Wheat Pool Districts

We have been requested to publish the views on the organization of the Wheat Pool districts expressed by Mr. Scratch, with a view to the matter being discussed in other Wheat Pool Locals. This is the desire of those who are responsible for the proposals. Communications addressed to "The U. F. A." upon this subject will be published, in so far as space may permit, and any others will be turned over to the Secretary of the Wheat Pool.

Reorganization of the Alberta Wheat Pool districts on the basis of shipping points, each shipping point forming a voting unit, is the proposal advanced by the Irricana Wheat Pool Local. The proposal was discussed at a recent meeting of the Local.

"As the Province is now divided," each district and sub-district being bounded by arbitrary lines," said A. C. Scratch, secretary of the Local, in an interview with "The U. F. A." recently, "it frequently happens that farmers who ship their grain to the same shipping point, and therefore have the closest kind of interest in common, find themselves in different voting districts. A member of the Pool may be in a voting district in which he knows practically none of the eligible men, who may live miles away at the other end of the district, whereas the men he knows best and meets most frequently, and who ship from the same point as he does, are separated from him by the arbitrary line.

"Our idea is that each shipping point be a unit, and that a suitable number of these units be combined to make a district. If this is done the people will get together and nominate men they know something about, in every case. As it is, I know of one case in which a Pool member living at Irricana is under the necessity of voting for a man who lives at Airdrie.

"The plan we propose very closely resembles the U. F. A. form of organization. It was explained at our recent meeting by Mr. Loftsgarden. Keema, Kathryn and Irricana Pool Locals have already threshed this matter out."

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VEGREVILLE LOCAL

The annual meeting of Vegreville Local took the form of a luncheon in the Board of Trade rooms, Vegreville, on December 19th, and was attended by about fifty, states the retiring president, J. McK. Hughes. New officers were elected, and reports were presented showing the affairs of the Local to be in satisfactory condition.

Mr. Balsam gave a brief sketch of the history of the Local, of which he was secretary for twenty years. He told of the ups and downs in membership from 20 to 150; the present membership is 71.

H. Payne, manager of the livestock branch, reported that the volume of business was no greater in 1923 than in 1924, but the returns had been considerably higher, owing to better grade of stock and better prices. F. Newcombe, district agriculturist, spoke on the beef cattle tariff situation, and a resolution, to be

forwarded to Ottawa, was passed, asking that all possible should be done to have the U. S. tariff against feeder cattle removed.

Hi A. Van Slyke explained to the meeting the plan under which the Dairy Pool was beginning operations, and several members spoke in support of this arrangement. A. M. Boutillier, M.P., expressed his thanks to the Local for its loyal support during the election campaign, and A. M. Matheson, M.L.A., spoke briefly, expressing confidence in the future of the U. F. A.

The U. F. W. A. and Junior Branch

Millet U.F.W.A. Has Interesting Program For Coming Year

A program for the first six months of the new year was arranged at the annual meeting of Millet U.F.W.A. Local, held on December 18th, in the home of Mrs. W. L. Gray. Reports of the officers for the past year were given, and officers, including conveners of committees on immigration, young people's work, social service, education, health and child welfare, laws, world peace, refreshments, and press, were elected. Another committee was formed to see to the application for and housing of a library from the University Department of Extension.

After the report of the convener on Laws, a resolution was passed favoring the principle but not the content of the proposed Community of Property Act.

The program for the next year is given below. Meetings will be held in the Rest Room of the new U.F.A. store in Millet.

January: Roll Call, Remedies for Cold Feet and Chills; paper, Co-operation Between the Parent and Teacher; Demonstration, School Lunch; community singing.

February: Roll Call, Current Events; Sketch of life of a famous Canadian woman; report of Convention; Valentine box.

March: Roll Call, Irish Wit; Paper, Home Nursing and First Aid; Systematic Housecleaning; Reading.

April: Roll Call; Preventative Medicine; Canning of Meats for Summer Use; Curing of Meats for Summer Use; Music.

May: Roll Call, Hints on Poultry Raising; Vegetables not Found in Every Garden; Exchange of Seeds and Plants; Ten Best Perennials, Ten Best Annuals.

June: Roll Call, Canadian Authors; Natural Resources of Alberta; Review of Canadian Book; Paper on Immigration.

"CARSTAIRS YEARLY NEWS" CONTAINS INTERESTING FIGURES

"The Carstairs Yearly News" is the title of a bright little newspaper prepared for the December 12th meeting of Carstairs U. F. W. A. Local. The staff consisted of Mrs. Lewellan, editor, and Mrs. Sam Riddle, assistant editor; Mrs. Ray Wood, who contributed an article on fashions; Mrs. M. Wood, who wrote the social news; Mrs. Morneau and Mrs. Kent, who contributed original short stories; Mrs. Hoag, political reporter, and Miss Gladys Bodden, editor of the joke column.

An editorial article, "Why We Should

GOOD YEAR AT WOODVILLE

"We have had a pretty successful year," states A. W. Thompson, secretary of Woodville Local. "Our paid-up membership is 18; we have done co-operative buying this year, sent delegates to all the conventions, and have a balance in hand of \$31—double that of last year. The Local is still going strong, with an average attendance throughout the year of 18, full of pep, as also is the U. F. W. A. Local, and strong for co-operation."

Join the Egg and Poultry Pool", included some interesting figures on egg prices during 1923. During February and March of that year the Egg and Poultry Marketing Service, Calgary, paid average prices of 26c for extras and 22½c and 18½c for first and second grades; while during the same period the average price paid by country merchants, in trade, was 13c. Other editorials were "History of the U. F. W. A." and "Benefits to Members of the U. F. W. A. Local."

MORRIS U.F.W.A. SPELLING MATCH

A spelling match for the schools in the neighborhood was staged by Morris U. F. W. A. Local on December 12th, and there was a keen competition between the five schools represented. Inspector Peverstock acted as dictator and judge. Pilgrimage School won the senior competition for Grades Nine and over; Morris School won the intermediate competition for Grades Six to Eight; and Rowley School were the winners in the junior division. The prizes were pictures, to be hung in the school rooms.

"It is hoped that this contest will be repeated next year," writes Mrs. Ida E. Eigell, secretary of the Local. "It was preceded by a bazaar, with supper served from four o'clock and followed by a short concert, including community singing and dancing."

STUDY CURRENT EVENTS IN STRATHCONA U. F. W. A.

"At the annual meeting of Strathcona U. F. W. A. Local," writes the secretary, Mrs. D. J. Christie, "the roll call was responded to with quotations on Giving." Mrs. Tomlinson gave a very comprehensive study of current events, and Mrs. Long a splendid reading on Indian Summer. An invitation from Homewood Local for our Local to meet with them at the home of Mrs. Herbert was accepted. Officers for the coming year were elected, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring officers. Tea was served by the hostess, Mrs. Herbert."

SLIGO JUNIORS NOW HAVE 18 MEMBERS

Sligo Junior Local has now 18 members—most of the children of the district—writes the secretary, Miss Kathleen Reynolds. They made about \$20 from a concert held in the fall, charging 30c for adults and admitting all children free. The program consisted of a Health play, recitations and music, followed by a lunch. The teacher supervised the concert, and practising was done at noon hours and after school.

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Dairy Pool Arranges With Three Companies to Handle Product in Northern Districts

Company's Separate Eight Companies--Annual Meeting of the Paid to Be Held on January 20th.

Dr. E. A. VAN DYKE, Secretary Dairy Food

The manufacturing part of the Dairy Pool undertaking is to be handled by the P. Burns Co., from deliveries at Edmonton, Saultier, Camrose, Ponoka, Vermilion and Wainwright; the Wetsaskwin Creamery at Wetsaskwin, and the Sedgewick Co-operative Creamery for that district.

The Board of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Pool wish to announce that at the present time they have made arrangements with three different companies operating eight creameries in the northern part of the Province—this includes creameries at Vermillion, Wainwright, Edmonton, Ponoka, Camrose, Stettler, Wetaskiwin and Redwreck.

Abstract

Negotiations are at present in progress to handle the southern cream. The Dairy Pool Board have arranged to pay the market price at all times for the cream as it is delivered to the creameries, so that the producers will not have any money, except undivided profits, tied up in the Pool.

The Board have found, upon investigation, that one of the greatest wastes in the dairy industry is too much overhead at small creameries; consequently the centralizing system has been adopted to some extent by the Board. The Board wish to assure the producers that just as soon as the sign-up is secured in any community that will warrant a creamery operating, that this facility will be provided. At the present time a further sign-up is being put on in the Wetaskiwin, Camrose, Stettler and Brooks areas.

Since the announcement of the policy of the Board there has been a great deal of additional interest evidenced on the part of the producers, and they have no hesitancy now in joining the Pool since they know where their butter will be manufactured, where they will have to deliver and the manner in which the payments will be made. In connection with the negotiations with the manufacturers for the use of their facilities, the Board would like to express their appreciation of the manner in which the manufacturers received their project; and to further state that no difficulty has been met with in agreeing on terms; nor do they anticipate any friction once manufacturing is started.

Bill No. 66 Local Communities

Several inquiries have been received during the last few days as to whether or not permits will be issued to cover the delivery of milk for local consumption at towns and villages, and also for the privilege of supplying dairy butter to private customers. The Board has always taken the stand that if they deprive any producer of a market he is enjoying, they are not fulfilling their mission; namely that of conferring a benefit upon the producers by handling their commodity. In case of a producer delivering milk to a town or village trade he will be at liberty to continue. In the case of Specimens under butter

local consumers the Board have taken the stand that as they are in the wholesale business only, consequently, those who sell locally will not be in competition with Food Butter.

Upon a survey of this field it was found that there is a very small percentage of dairy butter made at the present time and it is rapidly on the decrease. This item, even though the producers are given a free hand, will not aggregate any serious amount, so that the Board have no hesitancy in stating that this practice will be permitted. They feel, however, in all fairness to the producers and to assist the Dairy Pool staff in calculating their volume, that if any producer wishes to dispose of any of his product in either of these two ways, he should notify the Board of his intention to do so.

At U. F. A. Conventions

It is anticipated that the Board will have some members present at the U. F. A. Convention in Calgary, so that if any of the delegates wish information on the Pool, they will be able to obtain this information first hand.

The annual meeting of the Dairy Pool will be held on January 26th, which is the first day of the Alberta Dairymen's Association convention. At the Dairymen's convention prominent speakers from all over the continent will be in attendance to deliver addresses on the various phases of the dairy industry and it is intended to have as many of the delegates attend this convention as, is possible to do.

In connection with the ballot for the election of delegates at the annual meeting of the Dairy Pool, the Board wish to express their appreciation of the interest shown by the contract signers in this election. A greater number of ballots were cast than was anticipated showing that the producers are taking a great deal of interest in this new move and realize that it is an effort on their part for the betterment of their marketing conditions.

WEED CREEK LOCAL ORGANIZED

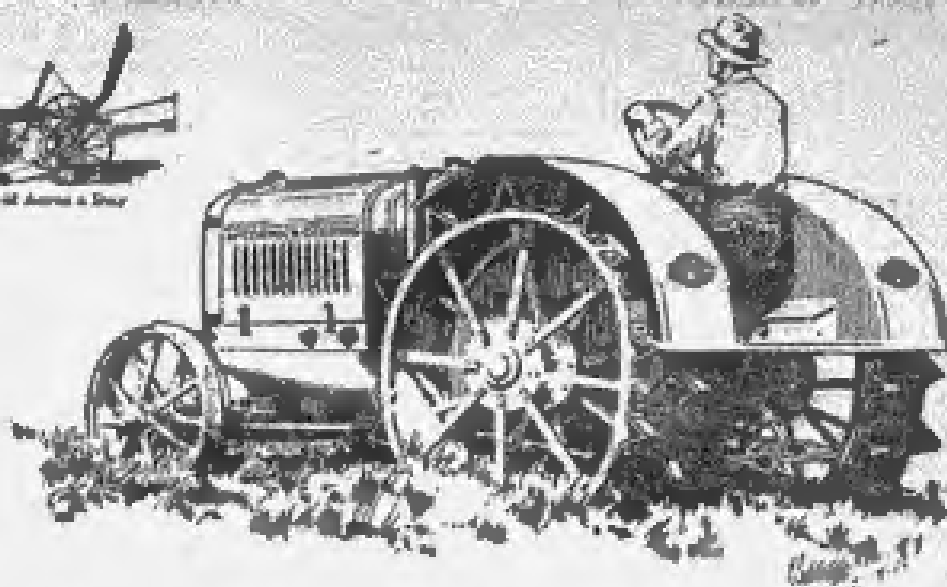
F. Zingle is president and C. M. Hale secretary of Wood Creek Local, formed at a meeting held in the Wood Creek schoolhouse on December 11th. It was decided that the Local should be a joint U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. Local.

HANDLING OF SUPPLIES HELPS TREASURY

Odds Local has now a membership of 21, and at the annual meeting statements were given showing that there was upwards of \$50 in the treasury. This sum was made, writes the secretary, John C. Dawson, by handling coal, twice, posted etc.



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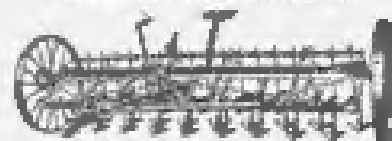
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The article is entitled, "Garnet Wheat—An Explanation and a Caution." Major Strange says that "for those districts that are experiencing trouble with Marquis, because of early fall frosts, Garnet, or University of Alberta 122 might be tried. For those districts where Marquis ripens well in advance of the early fall frosts, a later ripening but higher yielding wheat, such as Benbow, might well be tested out."

Earlier Wheat Lower Yielding
"It is the writer's opinion that over a term of years and under varied conditions, an earlier wheat than Marquis will be a lower yielding wheat than Marquis, and that any higher yielding wheat than Marquis will be found to be later in maturing, the reason of this being that the wheat growers' main limitation in Alberta is moisture, and that the longer a plant can be safely left growing in the ground, the greater will be the chances of higher yield, as more rainfall should be available. On the contrary, with an earlier wheat the less time there is available for rainfall, which must inevitably, on an average, produce a lower yield."

"To sum up, the writer's advice is by all means to stay with Marquis if this variety is being satisfactorily grown, and only consider other kinds of wheat to meet such special needs as have been outlined above. There is an old adage which says: 'Hold fast to that which is good.' This is never so true as when applied to agriculture."

ONLY \$330.00 SPENT BY U.F.A. IN BATTLE RIVER CAMPAIGN

In the Battle River constituency, where H. E. Spencer, M.P., was elected by an overwhelming majority, both his opponents losing their deposits, the total expenses of the recent Federal election campaign were \$330.00. This is probably the lowest record of expenditure in the Province. It demonstrates clearly that where the farmers are well organized, and have made a close and continuous study of public questions, and are willing to give of their time and energy to insure the election of representatives selected by and responsible to themselves, the financing of the campaign may become an entirely minor matter.

The more complete the preliminary organization of our citizenship, the less will be the expenditure of money necessary at election times, and the less effective will be the propaganda of our opponents.

The result in Battle River is a very high personal tribute to Mr. Spencer as well as a very creditable achievement for the membership.

APPRECIATION OF "THE U. F. A."

In a letter to "The U.F.A.", announcing the amount of the expenses of the campaign, C. East, agent for Mr. Spencer, states, "I wish to express my appreciation of the service rendered by 'The U.F.A.' in the campaign."

Views on Resolution on Credit Reform

John Egger in Letter to "The U. F. A." Expresses Opinion That Provincial Government Should Take Initial Steps

Calling attention to a resolution from the Acadia Federal Constituency Association, urging the appointment by the U. F. A. Annual Convention of a "committee of advanced students of monetary reform to confer with the Provincial Government with a view to taking the initial steps to establish a money and credit system that will guarantee a true relationship between circulating wealth and circulating credit instruments", John Egger of Lake Thelma Local, in a letter to "The U. F. A.", expresses the opinion that the Provincial Government should enter the banking business. While he believes that national action is the most logical, he says that the dominance of the Canadian Parliament by the two old parties, which in turn "look after the interests of the Bankers' Association", makes hope of effective action in the near future in this quarter very remote.

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 3)

Labour News predicts that it will be one of the most enthusiastic and successful Conventions in the history of the United Farmers of Alberta. It takes a flight in the effort to put the necessary 'pop' into an organization like the U. F. A. There will be a general election next year. Watch the U. F. A. prepare to meet the test!

The Albertan has boldly announced that co-operation between groups is anti-British!

RUSSIAN, AMERICAN, FRENCH OR CHINESE?

When Mr. Irvine wrote the article which appears elsewhere in this issue, the Albertan had made two important, but, unfortunately, mutually contradictory discoveries. It had discovered a resemblance between the U. F. A. plan of co-operation between groups and (1) the Soviet system of government; and (2) the United States system. Since then the Albertan has changed its mind. It has announced that the U. F. A. plan is the French system. No doubt, with his

usual ingenuity, the Albertan will shortly detect a resemblance between the U.F.A. plan and the Fascism of Mussolini, the system of government in vogue in ancient Egypt, or in that of modern China.

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SURE WAY OF SPREADING ERROR (Farmers' Sun, Toronto)

Lady Cowan, one of the numerous missionaries lately here from overseas for the purpose of showing us heathenized colonials the way of political salvation, would have us forcibly tear out root and branch all who teach the doctrine of Communism; the Globe would have all denominations unite in placing outside the limits of toleration those who refuse to accept the Christian religion; Tommy Church is apparently prepared to suppress any university that teaches the doctrine of free trade. In all quarters we find individuals or sections of the community that would put a padlock on all views but their own.

To such as these, history seemingly carries no meaning. They have failed to grasp the fact, taught by experience, which even a rather dull King of Spain had sufficient intelligence to appreciate, viz., that you can no more compel all people to think alike than you can compel all clocks to keep the same time to a second. They utterly ignore the other fact, brought out with exceptional clearness in the history of English-speaking people, that persecution and suppression by one section today inevitably results in persecutions becoming the persecuted tomorrow.

People will think and they will give expression to their thoughts. If public expression is denied there will be expression in secret places. If the views held are wrong the surest means of preventing their spread is to allow them to be expounded in the open where their falsity can be demonstrated. No more effective means of giving these views could be devised than the confining of them to locked chambers and the underground telegraph.

WHEAT POOL REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO CONTINENTS TO CONFER FEB. 19th

Representatives of Co-operative Wheat Pools in various parts of the American continent, and probably of the Australian Wheat Pools also, will confer upon matters of common interest at the "North American Wheat Conference" to be held in St. Paul, Minn., commencing on February 18th. A. J. McPhail and G. L. McPherson, M.L.A., have been appointed as representatives of the joint Pools of the three Prairie Provinces of Canada. Representatives of nine United States Pools will be present at the conference.

KENNEDY DECLARED ELECTED—COLLINE APPEALS

B. M. Kennedy, U.F.A. candidate in Peace River, was declared elected to the House of Commons at the conclusion of the recent conducted by Judson Mahaffy. The final figures, giving Mr. Kennedy a majority of 17, were: Kennedy, 2886; Collins (Cons.) 2869. Mr. (L.B.) 2844. Collins has appealed against the decision.

A LETTER FROM MR. TOSIN

Leduc, Alta., Dec. 28, 1934.

"The U. F. A.", Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir: Kindly insert in the next issue of your paper the following:

After the first of the New Year all correspondence to me should be addressed to the House of Commons, Ottawa. I shall be pleased to receive communications, teaching matters of public interest, from any person or organization, regardless of their political leanings or affiliations, and will be especially pleased to have those who may visit Ottawa during the session look me up. What I may if possible be of service to them.

With warmest greetings to all.

Your obedient servant,

A. G. TOSIN

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Hope to Inaugurate Rural Credit Plan in Very Near Future

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Re-elected President, Lethbridge

Announcement that the Provincial Government was hopeful of being able shortly to inaugurate a scheme of long term rural credits was made by Hon. E. G. Reid at the annual convention of the Lethbridge Federal Constituency Association, according to a report received from the president, Ernest Bennion. If such a system were introduced, Mr. Reid added, it would be based on strictly co-operative lines. He declared that the Government was giving the people a business administration, by cutting expenditures in every department without impairing the service. He closed with an appeal to the farmers to safeguard the interests of the parent U. F. A. organization, paid a high tribute to former Premier Greenfield and secured his confidence in Premier Brownlee.

Other speakers at the convention were Donald Cameron, Jr., president of the Junior Branch, who urged the delegates to give support to the debating contests, and Mrs. F. E. Wyman, who spoke of the work of the Egg and Poultry Pool, of which she is secretary.

In the case of all three speakers, says Mr. Bennion, "it was their first appearance before a Southern Alberta audience, and their pleasing personalities, along with the fund of knowledge they gave the people, was much appreciated."

In opening the convention, President Bennion said that the time had come when the people of the urban and rural districts should co-operate in building up the interest of the great commonwealth, and stressed the point that no people could accomplish this without a clear vision of the future.

Ernest Bennion of Magrath was re-elected president, Mrs. Fred King, Lethbridge, and A. H. Steckle, Milk River, were elected vice-presidents, while a director from each of the Provincial constituencies form the executive.

In the evening about 150 persons attended a turkey supper in the White Lunch Cafe, followed by a program of songs and toasts, while the day's festivities were brought to a close by a dance in the Masonic Hall.

LONG RIDGE HOLDS MEMBER- SHIP CONTEST

A membership contest between the Long Ridge U. F. W. A. and U. F. A. Local was won by the men with 21 new members, five more than the number secured by the ladies. According to the terms of the contest, the U. F. W. A. Local provides an Easter supper, which was enjoyed on December 17th.

HARD LUCK—BUT STICKING

Freeland Local had some hard luck last summer, writes the secretary, E. Froben. "We had decided to build a hall, and had some logs taken out to be made into lumber, and paid for them. Then there was a big fire and they were all burned up, which put a crimp in us financially. However, we are doing the best we can."

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Courses of Study in Principles and Practice of Co-operative Marketing Asked in Resolution for Annual Convention

Equitable Representation of Western Canada on Railway Commission Demanded by Medicine Hat Constituency Association—Stettler Asks That Redistribution Be on Basis of "Rural", "Town and Village" and "City" Constituencies

Provision of a course of study in the principles and practice of co-operative marketing of agricultural products in schools and agricultural colleges in Alberta, is urged in a resolution from the Medicine Hat U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association which will come before the Annual Convention this month. The resolution expresses the opinion that it is eminently desirable and essential to the progress of the new Pools that education in the fundamental ideals and benefits of co-operation be given. It is asked that short courses be arranged in the rural districts in the winter season, dealing with the history and management of co-operative enterprises.

How Valley U. F. A. Constituency Association, in a resolution state that hail insurance agents are trying to prevent certain bodies of farmers from writing hail insurance. The Provincial Government is asked to permit any body of farmers to act as agents, appropriating the commission as they may desire.

A resolution on hail insurance from Medicine Hat recommends that provision be made to enable farmers living outside of a municipality, to take advantage of the municipal hail insurance scheme.

Nanton Provincial Constituency Association asks that the charge for liquor licenses be increased, "to enable the Government to provide for women and children who are left destitute as a result of the liquor traffic."

This Association also asks that any fire insurance company accepting a premium on fire insurance policy be compelled to pay the full value of the policy, in the event of a loss occurring.

Representation on Railway Commission

Equitable representation of Western Canada on the Board of Railway Commissioners is demanded by Medicine Hat Federal Constituency Association. The resolution submitted points out that the net earnings of the C.P.R. from 1907 to 1921 inclusive were approximately \$400,000,000 in the Western division as compared with approximately \$180,000,000 in the Eastern division, according to the report of a special committee of Parliament of 1922. Yet Western Canada has only one representative on the Railway Commission, as compared with five from Eastern Canada.

Income Tax on Five Year Average

Revision of the income tax to provide for its being levied on the basis of the average income of farmers over a period of five years, is advocated by Medicine Hat Federal Constituency Association. The resolution points out that "the yearly income tax works a hardship on the farmer, because during a series of years of crop failures he may get into debt, while in the year when he obtains one good crop, he has to pay income tax upon it, even though he cannot pay his debts."

Corresponding District Association asks

Upwards of sixty resolutions for the U. F. A. Annual Convention have now been received from Constituency and District Associations. Below we give a summary of resolutions received since the printed list was distributed to all the Locals.

that the Alberta Government charge a flat rate of three dollars per car as automobile license, and that an additional tax of one cent or more be charged per gallon on gasoline at all filling stations to apply in lieu of the present automobile tax.

This association also asks the Provincial Government to continue the Medicine Hat highway fourteen miles due east from Strathmore, and thence to Gleichen.

Establishment of a system of wheat grading, based on the "gluten content and milling value" of the grain is asked by Stettler Provincial Constituency Association.

Representation of Groups

Stettler Association urges that in redistribution, the Government provide for representation as far as possible "along economic group lines", and to this end that as far as possible the new constituencies be organized as "rural", "town and village" and "city" constituencies. Special consideration is asked for special industries, such as mining, etc.

Immediate acquisition of elevators by the Wheat Pool is urged by Craigmyle U. F. A. District Association, which also protests against the manner in which wheat has been graded during the present season.

Craigmyle Association expresses the opinion that the time has come to consider the enlargement of "The U. F. A.", and asks "our Central Board to instruct our Newspaper Committee to confer with the Boards of the four Pools, with the idea of making 'The U. F. A.' the official mouthpiece of these organizations, with a view to having 'The U. F. A.' enlarged and issued as a weekly paper." The resolution also asks for an open forum. A resolution from Medicine Hat Federal C. A. asks that the membership fee be increased by one dollar to enable "The U. F. A." to be published weekly.

Unanimous disapproval of the present law dealing with the sale of goods by sheriffs, under which an indisputable title is not given to a purchaser as against prior lien holders and mortgagees, "without notice of such sale, previous in point of time to the charge under which the sale takes place," is the substance of another resolution from Craigmyle. Amendment of the law is asked for.

Eighteen members joined a new Local in the Skaro district, with William Hanks as president and Stephen J. Nimchuk as secretary.

CALL TO ANNUAL CONVENTION OF U. F. A. AND PROGRAM FOR THE FOUR DAYS' SESSIONS

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the Constitution. The amended Constitution necessitates the pool rate being estimated in advance. The following is an extract from Section 6, sub-section 6, of the Constitution governing the pool rates:

"The railway fare of all duly qualified delegates to the Convention shall be borne equally by all the delegates, and for this purpose the Central secretary shall estimate as nearly as possible the average railway fare in advance and advise all Locals of same, and all delegates whose round trip fares are less than this average shall be required at the time of registration to pay into the pool the difference between their round trip fare and the average."

"Immediately the delegates are all registered the secretary shall estimate the correct pool rate, and shall pay to all those whose total fare is greater than the pool rate the difference between the pool rate and the fare paid."

"In the event of the first estimated pool rate being greater than the correct pool rate, a refund of the difference between the two rates will be made to those delegates that had paid in to the pool."

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Our Association is governed by the Annual Convention. If there are not sufficient funds in the treasury to cover your delegate's expense, arrangements should be made to raise money by means of an entertainment or in some way which the members approve of.

If your Local desires to send a strong representation to the Convention there is only a short time left to collect and send in dues for 1933. There is much to do between now and the Convention for every officer and member of every Local. The success of the Convention depends upon the interest and enthusiasm displayed by our Locals. Let every Local do its best to have a full representation.

Yours fraternally,
F. BATEMAN,
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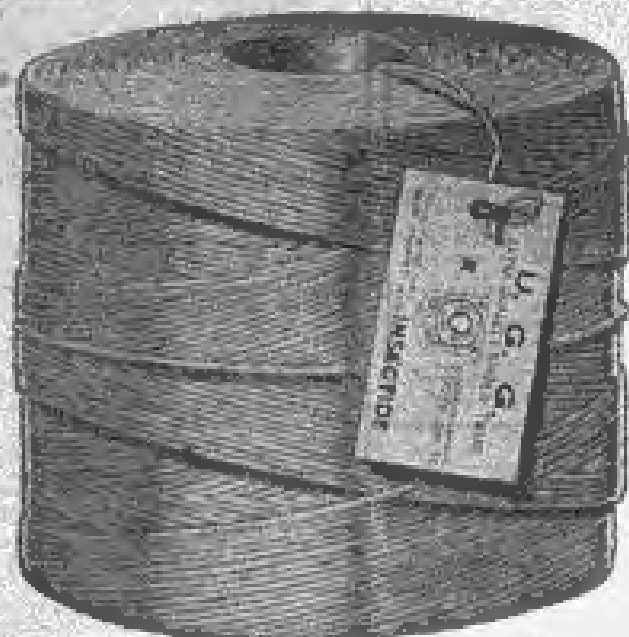
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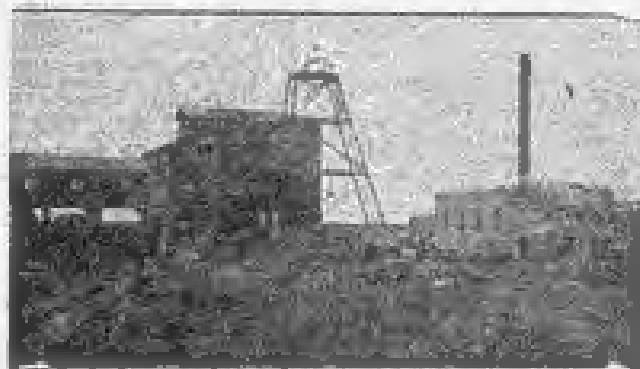
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